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October Term, 1968.

SHAW v. GARRISON ET AL.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

No. 579. Decided December 9, 1968.

PER CURIAM.

The motion to affirm is granted and the judgment is affirmed.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

CONSPIRACY TO REVEAL THE TRUTH?

Now that the Supreme Court has refused Clay Shaw's suit, and it appears that the New Orleans trial might begin early in the New Year, we find ourselves wondering at the amazing coincidence of this trial with those of James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan.

President Kennedy, to refresh your memory, was murdered five years ago, and Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were cut down in April and June of this year. And yet through one ruse after the other Shaw's attorneys, with the indispensable assistance of the Federal Courts, have managed to delay his trial from the time he was indicted (see the chronology of Garrison's investigation in this Newsletter) until now. Ray's and Sirhan's trials, too, have been delayed just the right amount of time. Since Ray's capture and arrest were right at the time of Robert Kennedy's death-- another interesting coincidence-- one might have expected both trials to begin in late summer. But somehow they both managed to get set for November, after election day, and then they were recently delayed again because of the sudden emergence in each case of a new defense lawyer, who naturally needed additional time to "acquaint himself with the facts of the case".

When last heard from, Jim Garrison appeared convinced that the three assassinations were related to each other as part of an overall conspiracy. From where we sit, we don't know whether that's the case or not, but it seems likely that there has been an attempt to cover up, or at least delay, the truth in all cases. Now we see that all three trials are set to begin shortly after Johnson leaves office, and we also hear (see below) that a Congressional committee is conducting a secret investigation of its own.

Is it possible that the Establishment is now involved in a conspiracy to reveal the truth?

Prescott S. Nichols

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PRESS RELEASE, DECEMBER 9, 1968 (FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PARISH OF ORLEANS)

The District Attorney's Office today announced the removal of William Boxley from the investigative staff. Boxley was fired after evidence recently developed by the District Attorney's staff indicated current activity by him as an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency. Boxley's initial service with the C.I.A. was in Washington, D.C., where he served for years as an active agent for what was then termed the Department of Covert Activity.

As this office has repeatedly indicated, President Kennedy was assassinated because he was ending the Cold War, and the Cold War is the major source of power for the warfare complex which influences Washington today. In the few months prior to his murder, for example, he reduced the American troops in Viet Nam from 15,000 down to 14,000. Now there are 537,000. He also made clear that he was going to "break the C.I.A. up into 10,000 pieces".

The reason that New Orleans has jurisdiction over some parts of this national tragedy is that a large part of the preparation for the assassination took place in New Orleans. Although the basic origin of planning was likely Washington, in view of the indications of extensive government involvement, New Orleans was used for many parts of the operation. The warfare apparatus of the federal government made a serious mistake in using New Orleans for this federal project. Federal Officials and federal projects do not have a great deal of influence-- to use an understatement --in the City of New Orleans. We will continue to press against those individuals who participated in the assassination of John Kennedy in every case where their activity took place in New Orleans, and all the power in Washington will not stop us in any way.

Federal intelligence efforts to interfere in the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been occurring since the beginning of the inquiry. The work of this office in bringing out the truth about the assassination-- and about the federal government's concealment of the facts from the American people-- will continue in spite of these obstructions.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HARASSES GARRISON

It seems that the U.S. government is pulling no stops in its campaign to discredit Jim Garrison. The New Orleans Times-Picayune reported October 25 that the IRS is investigating Garrison's 1965-66 income tax records. Garrison asserted that this investigation was an attempt to link him to the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp., in which Garrison was accused of owning \$23,000 worth of stock. The now defunct firm has been implicated in shady business practices. Garrison stated he does not own "one dollar" of the stock. He said the government had sent the IRS to New Orleans with the hope of finding something to discredit him before the up-coming election for District Attorney this spring. He further stated he used the short form to pay his taxes in 1965-66 and that it was therefore impossible to claim deductions. Garrison then mentioned attempts to connect him with an investigation by the Grand Jury in Nashville to alleged payoffs to obtain the release from prison of Jimmy Hoffa.

The New Orleans District Attorney said the government is acting out of desperation: "They have a serious problem. We have caught them faking an assassination. It isn't even close. They can't possibly withstand the evidence we have. We have not asked for a continuance of one day. President Johnson has hidden evidence in the case, the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and leaders in Congress have cooperated in perpetrating the fraud, and I've pointed it out. We've stumbled across the way John F. Kennedy was really killed. They're in desperate condition. The federal government got caught in the biggest lie in history. It never occurred to them that a state would investigate the assassination. It doesn't matter what they try to do to me. We know how Kennedy was killed, and why he was killed, and we know the federal government covered it up."

Stephen Pauley, M.D.

SHAW TO STAND TRIAL

As we hinted on page one, the United States Supreme Court on December 9 affirmed the decision of the Federal District Court for Eastern Louisiana, thus declining to block prosecution by the New Orleans District Attorney of Clay L. Shaw, charged on March 1, 1967, with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. This unsigned order thereby removed yet another legal barrier to trial.

Assistant DA James Alcock commented on hearing the decision, "We are happy and gratified at the ruling of the United States Supreme Court, but it was not really a surprise since the law was on our side all along. Three federal judges found probable cause and so did the grand jury, so we are not surprised by today's ruling."

Shortly thereafter, District Attorney Garrison set January 21 as the trial date. "The moment of truth has arrived in this case," he told a news conference. "Even if I'm killed the Clay Shaw case will go to trial."

A spokesman for the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court stated that Shaw's attorneys could still ask for a continuance to delay the case's start in January if they could convince the court that they had a legal reason for the delay.

George Abbott, M.D.

EFFORTS TO OBTAIN DIARY FROM FLORIDA ARE FUTILE (Reprinted from Times-Picayune, 10/24)

Efforts of the DA's office to obtain from a Florida state official a diary having a bearing on the Kennedy assassination probe have been futile, Assistant DA James L. Alcock said Wednesday. Last month the DA's office subpoenaed a diary which assertedly refers to a man who mentioned in April (seven months before the assassination) the possibility of Kennedy's being killed with a high-powered rifle from a building. The subpoena directed Florida Assistant Attorney General Seymour Gelber to deliver the work to the DA's office by Oct. 8. But Gelber failed to comply; and in a statement this week he said, "I refused to cooperate with Mr. Garrison because of the fact that he revealed the name of an informant. I feel that, by making the diary available, I have no assurance that this wouldn't happen again."....

Alcock voiced surprise at Gelber's statement. "Our office didn't reveal anything that wasn't already generally known," he said, "Somerset's (the agent) activities were a matter of public knowledge." He added that, though chances of obtaining the diary from Gelber are remote, "we have another source that is promising." The source was not revealed.

FORGIVE MY GRIEF, VOL. 1 AVAILABLE

Whether you're well-versed in the intricacies of the JFK assassination or a comparative neophyte, you stand to benefit by reading and owning a copy of Penn Jones important classic Forgive My Grief (vol. 1), "a critical review of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy." The AIC stands to benefit also, since a major portion from the proceeds of book sales will be donated to the committee to keep the Newsletter presses rolling.

Since 1945 the publisher and editor of the Midlothian (Texas) Mirror, Jones has spent hundreds of hours in reading and personal investigation since the assassination. The Texas Observer has stated, "The assassination is a mystery; it may be the great American mystery. Penn Jones is one of those who cannot forget about it, perhaps he will solve it, or help solve it; perhaps it can never be solved. Whatever, we who cannot forget about it owe him our thanks for his brave and tireless work."

With remarkable generosity, Penn Jones, Jr., has contributed 100 copies of his book to make this offer possible. We offer the volume to you for \$2.00, representing a reduction by 1/3 of the price of the book obtained elsewhere. Send name, plus address and \$2.00 to AIC, 4718 Saratoga Avenue, San Diego, California, 92107. We will mail you the volume at once.

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CORRUPT ALLIANCE

"Whatever one's conclusions concerning the substantive issues, namely, whether Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, and whether or not he alone or in conspiracy with others murdered President Kennedy, one miserable conclusion seems unavoidable: that there was scarcely a civic profession- the military, the medical, the police, the legal, the juridical- that was not involved in suppressing or distorting the truth, and which did not bow obsequiously to power. And I am far from sure that this was always motivated by a concern for the national welfare. The more that the respectable professions are transformed from independent vocations into bureaucratic and federally sponsored dependencies, the more corruptible they will be in the future. Those who think that professional associations and universities will immunize the professions from the pressures and temptations of power have simply not understood the revelations about the CIA penetration into these very associations and universities. For these show that they are willing and eager parties to their own corruption in the name of a well-financed patriotic devotion."

(This quotation appears in an article entitled "The Sociologist as Partisan: Sociology and the Welfare State" (in The American Sociologist, vol. 3, no. 2, p.115). The article deals with the sad state of sociology in the United States and was written by one of America's outstanding social theorists, Dr. Alvin W. Gouldner, Max Weber Research Professor of Social Theory at Washington University, St. Louis. Thanks to Jean-Guy Vaillancourt for bringing it to our attention.)

"COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS" FORMED

Following a recent three day round-table discussion in New Orleans, a Committee To Investigate Assassinations has been formed, with temporary headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, a nation-wide membership, and an impressive list of prospective directors, including Fred Cook, Archbishop Cushing, Bernard Fensterwald, Jim Garrison, Senator Eugene McCarthy, Vincent Salandria, William Turner, Edward Bennett Williams and others.

Fensterwald summarizes the group's goals as follows: "A number of assassination students, "buffs", experts or what have you, from all parts of the country, have decided to band together in a formal organization in an attempt to increase our chances of solving both the general and specific assassination problems. It is our hope in taking this action that we might (1) improve our means of exchanging information; (2) obtain financing for additional investigative work; (3) pool our strength vis-a-vis the Federal Government, particularly, the National Archives; and (4) provide our members a modicum of physical protection by 'going public'...We believe that if most of the responsible persons in the field will join together and work closely together, we will maximize our chances of success."

Mr. Fensterwald is currently Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and has done work at the School of Advanced International Studies, as well as Cambridge University. In past years, he has served in the State Department, as foreign policy adviser to the late Senator Estes Kefauver, as administrative assistant to the late Senator Thomas Hennings of Missouri, and finally as chief counsel and staff director of two additional Senate subcommittees.

The Assassination Inquiry Committee plans to work closely with this group. We encourage all those interested to send for information to:

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

c/o Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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(See the article that follows on page 5. By juxtaposition, we do not necessarily imply a connection between Mr. Fensterwald (whose interest in the assassination and whose Senate credentials speak for themselves) and the sub rosa Congressional investigation now in process. But we wonder.)

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NEW JFK PROBE (reprinted from the Washington, D.C., Examiner, concerned with news on Capitol Hill, and published by Washington financial tycoon, O. Roy Chalk.)

November 21, 1968

Five years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas and three years after the publication of the Warren Commission report, there are rumblings on Capitol Hill of a possible re-opening of the investigation into JFK's death.

Investigators of at least one Congressional subcommittee have been spending the major portion of their time interviewing persons who might have additional leads on the case. The Warren Commission...found that the shooting was the work of one man, Lee Harvey Oswald. Many assassination buffs, however, have confided that a conspiracy may have been behind the murder. A Capitol Hill source said the Congressional subcommittee began looking into the assassination "as more or less a hobby. But it became a fulltime job when they began noticing further discrepancies in the Warren Report and other published and unpublished documents." Subcommittee members have indicated that if it is not possible to continue the investigation under Congressional auspices, they will continue on their own.

A spokesman said the advent of a new Administration might enable further investigation into the case without fear of contradicting the Warren Report. "This is not to say that the present administration has hampered any investigation; merely it is pointing out that an administration totally unconnected with the assassination might not be so emotionally involved in re-opening old wounds," he added.

The subcommittee's investigation would probably focus on such questions as: "Was there a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy?", "How many shots were fired and from which direction?", "Was Oswald the only assassin?" It would seek disclosure of now-private evidence, such as autopsy photos. The subcommittee, which has found some Congressmen sympathetic with a re-opening of the case, said it is interested in investigating "many types of conspiracy theories."

FORWARD TO "WRITING THE TRUTH: FIVE DIFFICULTIES" BY BERTOLT BRECHT, GERMANY, 1934

Nowadays, anyone who wishes to combat lies and ignorance and to write the truth must overcome at least five difficulties. He must have the courage to write the truth when truth is everywhere opposed; the keenness to recognize it, although it is everywhere concealed; the skill to manipulate it as a weapon; the judgment to select those in whose hands it will be effective; and the cunning to spread the truth among such persons. These are formidable problems for writers living under fascism, but they exist also for those writers who have fled or been exiled; they exist even for writers working in countries where civil liberty prevails.

THE GARRISON CASE: A CHRONOLOGY (compiled with painstaking care by Stephen Jaffe)

1967:

- 16 Feb: New Orleans States-Item discloses that District Attorney of New Orleans, JIM GARRISON, is conducting a "special investigation".
- 18 Feb: GARRISON says President JOHN F. KENNEDY'S assassination was the result of a New Orleans based plot, his office has jurisdiction due to a Louisiana anti-conspiracy law, and arrests will be made.
- 20 Feb: GARRISON says KENNEDY'S assassination developed from an anti-communist plot to kill Cuban Premier FIDEL CASTRO.
- 22 Feb: DAVID W. FERRIE found dead. GARRISON calls him "one of the most important individuals in history".
- 24 Feb: GARRISON announces that he has "positively solved the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY", and "in the course of time" he will arrest all involved.
- 1 Mar: CLAY L. SHAW is arrested and charged by GARRISON with plotting to murder KENNEDY. SHAW is referred to as "alias CLAY BERTRAND".
- 2 Mar: President LYNDON B. JOHNSON says he sees no need to re-open the investigation of KENNEDY'S death.
- U.S. Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK says SHAW was investigated and cleared by the FBI. 2 JUN 67: CLARK admits he was mistaken.

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3 Mar: Chief Justice EARL WARREN says he does not know of one fact which could change the Warren Commission's conclusions.

6 Mar: J. B. DAUENHAUER, ex-SHAW aide, subpoenaed. ACLU attacks GARRISON. HARRIS Poll shows 59% of the American people disbelieve the Warren Report.

9 Mar: Orleans Parish Grand Jury questions Josephine HUG, former SHAW employee, and DEAN A. ANDREWS, JR., to whom BERTRAND referred LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

14 Mar: Preliminary hearing begins for SHAW before a 3 judge panel. FERRY R. RUSSO testifies he heard SHAW, FERRIE and OSWALD plot to kill KENNEDY at a Sep 63 meeting in FERRIE'S apartment. RUSSO identifies SHAW as BERTRAND.

16 Mar: GORDON NOVEL begins testimony before the grand jury. Subpoena issued for NOVEL to continue his testimony 22 Mar 67. NOVEL leaves Louisiana. ANDREWS indicted for perjury by the grand jury.

17 Mar: 3 judge panel rules there is evidence sufficient to hold SHAW for trial. It finds the Warren Report inadmissible as evidence because it is "fraught with hearsay...hearsay four or five times removed".

22 Mar: Grand jury indicts SHAW, charging him with "willfully and unlawfully conspiring with DAVID FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD to murder JOHN F. KENNEDY". ANDREWS pleads not guilty to perjury.

23 Mar: NOVEL in Columbus, Ohio. Judge MATTHEW S. BRANIFF orders his arrest as a "material witness" and fugitive. While NOVEL is a fugitive, NBC News and Hearst Headline Service pay his expenses to attack GARRISON. LAYTON MARTENS, FERRIE'S ex-roomate, subpoenaed.

25 Mar: NOVEL in McLean, Virginia (site of CIA headquarters) Louisiana Criminal District Court Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR., who will preside at SHAW'S trial, holds the Warren Report inadmissible as evidence.

27 Mar: LILLY M. McMAINES, ex-friend of RUSSO, subpoenaed as material witness.

28 Mar: MARK LANE says GARRISON will startle the nation when he presents his case. Omaha Police take McMAINES into custody.

29 Mar: Grand jury questions MARTENS.

31 Mar: Arrest warrants issued for NOVEL, and for SERGIO A. SMITH, Cuban exile.

1 Apr: NOVEL is arrested in Gahanna, Ohio, posts bond and is released.

3 Apr: Dallas Police arrest SMITH.

4 Apr: NOVEL to fight extradition to New Orleans.

5 Apr: SHAW arraigned on charges of plotting with FERRIE and OSWALD to kill KENNEDY. Grand jury indicts MARTENS for perjury.

8 Apr: GARRISON begins extradition proceedings against NOVEL.

10 Apr: Judge BERNARD J. BACERT orders McMAINES to New Orleans.

12 Apr: ANDREWS re-indicted by grand jury for perjury.

18 Apr: ANDREWS pleads not guilty to five counts of perjury.

25 Apr: New Orleans States-Item reports NOVEL'S claim to have been employed by the CIA and his intention to "use this role to battle Garrison". Others involved are acting for the CIA as "informers, as couriers, and as munitions carriers". Omaha Municipal Court dismisses fugitive from justice complaint against McMaines.

28 Apr: HAROLD WEISBERG appears before the Grand Jury.

9 May: FBI agents REGIS KENNEDY and WILLIAM DeBRUEYS subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury.

10 May: GARRISON subpoenas CIA Director RICHARD HELMS to testify before the grand jury. REGIS KENNEDY ordered by Attorney General CLARK not to go before the grand jury.

15 May: Newsweek attacks Garrison.

22 May: GARRISON says OSWALD did not kill KENNEDY. Anti-CASTRO Cubans employed by the CIA killed KENNEDY in a "venomous reaction" to the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

23 May: GARRISON says KENNEDY was killed in a cross-fire from 3 points. NOVELS lawyer admits NOVEL is a CIA agent.

25 May: New Orleans States-Item reveals NOVEL connected with a CIA front.

28 May: GARRISON interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers".

29 May: HARRIS Poll shows 66% of the American people think there was a plot to kill KENNEDY.

5 Jun: GARRISON says SHAW gave RUBY and OSWALD money in the fall of 1963, in Baton Rouge.

12 Jun: Judge HAGGERTY says SHAW'S trial cannot begin before Aug or Sep 67.

18 Jun: GARRISON states to FCC that NBC is trying to destroy his case.

19 Jun: NBC attacks GARRISON in a one-hour special.

20 Jun: RUSSO says NBC newsman WALTER SHERIDAN tried to get him to "wreck" GARRISON'S probe.

22 Jun: WILLIAM GURVICH, an investigator for GARRISON, meets with ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

26 Jun: GURVICH quits GARRISON.

28 Jun: GURVICH and ANDREWS testify before the grand jury.
CBS special criticizes GARRISON'S probe and upholds Warren Report findings.

3 Jul: Extradition hearings dropped against NOVEL in Columbus, Ohio.

5 Jul: GARRISON asks Criminal District Court for early trial of SHAW.
SMITH released from extradition hearings in DALLAS.

7 Jul: SHERIDAN charged with attempting to bribe RUSSO.

11 Jul: NBC newsman RICHARD TOWNLEY also charged with bribery.

15 Jul: GARRISON on NBC as the result of suit filed with FCC, and is given $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to rebut NBC's one hour program of 19 Jun.

27 Jul: Judge BAGERT orders SHERIDAN to testify before the grand jury.

5 Aug: ANDREWS subpoenas 39 witnesses for his perjury trial.

7 Aug: Louisiana Supreme Court refuses SHERIDAN'S motion to avoid testifying.

9 AUG: ANDREWS' trial begins.

10 Aug: Court rejects ANDREWS' motion for dismissal.

13 Aug: ANDREWS convicted of perjury for testifying to grand jury that he was unable to say SHAW was the one who wanted him to defend OSWALD.

16 Aug: Judge HAGGERTY instructs GARRISON and SHAW to complete special pleadings soon.
HAGGERTY wants SHAW'S trial to start in Sep 67.

28 Aug: Federal District Court decrees SHERIDAN does not have to testify before the grand jury.

31 Aug: SHAW loses effort to take deposition from McMAINES.

18 Sep: Judge HAGGERTY refuses to dismiss SHAW'S indictment.

21 Sep: GARRISON says some Dallas Policemen, members of Minutemen, were part of plot and were "connecting links" among "oil-rich" businessmen, RUBY, SHAW, and anti-CASTRO Cubans.
GARRISON charges ROBERT F. KENNEDY is obstructing his probe.

27 Sep: SHAW files for a continuance. SHAW'S trial was set for Sep, but he requests a six month delay or change of location.

3 Oct: GARRISON objects to SHAW'S move for delay or change of location.

13 Oct: U.S. Attorney General Clark says he "might have to prosecute JIM GARRISON".

16 Oct: Judge HAGGERTY denies SHAW'S move for a 6 month's delay, but accepts a $4\frac{1}{2}$ month delay. HAGGERTY sets SHAW'S trial date about mid Feb 68.

Also in ROGER D. CRAIG, a witness who conferred with GARRISON, is shot at in Dallas.
Oct: Playboy features an interview with GARRISON.

14 Nov: GARRISON addresses 18th annual banquet of the Radio and Television News Assoc. of Southern California at the Century Plaza Hotel in LA and discusses fascism.

14 Dec: GARRISON speaks at the University of New Mexico and releases photographs showing a federal agent picking up a .45 bullet in Dealey Plaza at 12:40 on 22 Nov 63- 10 minutes after President KENNEDY was murdered. GARRISON states that KENNEDY was killed with a .45 pistol fired by a person in a storm drain.

20 Dec: EDGAR E. BRADLEY becomes the second person charged by GARRISON with criminal conspiracy to murder KENNEDY.

21 Dec: GARRISON issues arrest warrant for BRADLEY.

23 Dec: Mafia contract to kill GARRISON revealed on KCBS, San Francisco radio station.

26 Dec: GARRISON says OSWALD notified the FBI, 5 days prior to the murder, that KENNEIX would be killed in Dallas.
Los Angeles County District Attorney orders BRADLEY arrested.

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27 Dec: BRADLEY granted 30 days to prepare case against extradition by a LA municipal court.
29 Dec: GARRISON says 10 men were arrested in Dealey Plaza immediately after KENNEDY'S murder, but then were quietly released.
GARRISON issues subpoenas for LAWRENCE J. HOWARD, JR., LORAN E. HALL, and THOMAS E. BECKHAM as material witnesses to testify before the grand jury on 1 and 2 Feb 68.

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4 Jan: JAMES HICKS subpoenaed by GARRISON as a material witness.
10 Jan: HICKS, a witness to KENNEDY'S assassination, is attacked in his hotel room in New Orleans.
HALL fears going to NEW Orleans.
11 Jan: HICKS testifies before the grand jury.
15 Jan: Judge HAGGERTY sets 13 Feb 68 as SHAW'S trial date.
23 Jan: KERRY W. THORNLEY, friend of OSWALD and subpoenaed by GARRISON, is ordered to New Orleans by a Florida County Circuit Court.
24 Jan: MARINA OSWALD PORTER subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury 8 and 9 Feb. Bakersfield Superior Court rejects GARRISON'S subpoena for HALL.
26 Jan: Los Angeles Superior Court rejects GARRISON'S subpoena for HOWARD. Louisiana formally requests BRADLEY'S extradition from California.
29 Jan: LA Municipal Court delays BRADLEY'S extradition hearing until 29 Mar.
30 Jan: Omaha District Court orders BECKHAM to New Orleans.
31 Jan: GARRISON, on NBC's "Tonight" show, says RUBY was seen at murder site, 1 hour prior, driving a truck from which a man emerged with a rifle.
1 Feb: Texas District Court orders MARINA OSWALD PORTER to New Orleans.
BECKHAM granted delay to confer with his lawyer.
5 Feb: Formal notices confirming 13 Feb as SHAW'S trial date sent out by Criminal District Court Clerk.
NOVEL ordered to New Orleans by Ohio Common Pleas Court.
6 Feb: SHAW files motion to have his trial moved to a place at least 100 miles from New Orleans. HAGGERTY sets a hearing for 5 Mar 68. SHAW'S trial automatically delayed.
8 Feb: MARINA OSWALD PORTER and THORNLEY testify before the grand jury.
BECKHAM is to testify on 15 Feb.
9 Feb: SHAW files a supplemental motion.
13 Feb: GARRISON contends SHAW'S change of location motion is legally insufficient. Judge HAGGERTY gives SHAW until 19 Feb to answer.
15 Feb: BECKHAM testifies before the grand jury.
16 Feb: GARRISON subpoenas ALLEN W. DULLES, former CIA head and member of the Warren Commission, to testify before the grand jury 7 and 8 Mar.
GARRISON issues a new subpoena for NOVEL.
17 Feb: DULLES says he is undecided whether or not to answer GARRISON'S subpoena.
19 Feb: SHAW seeks to file a new change of location motion and withdraws his earlier motion. Judge HAGGERTY sets 26 Feb to rule on it.
21 Feb: THORNLEY charged with perjury regarding his grand jury testimony on 8 Feb.
26 Feb: GARRISON files an attack on SHAW'S change of location motion.
Judge HAGGERTY sets 5 Mar for hearing.
HOWARD goes voluntarily to New Orleans and meets with GARRISON, who clears HOWARD of any involvement in the assassination.
29 Feb: SHAW files subpoena for 20 persons, including GARRISON.
1 Mar: Judge HAGGERTY approves 6 subpoenas for records and 3 witnesses sought by SHAW.
5 Mar: First day of SHAW'S change of location hearing to determine if prospective jurors can give SHAW a fair trial in New Orleans.
6 Mar: SHAW moves to subpoena 1300 prospective jurors. Judge HAGGERTY recesses the hearing until 11 Mar.
7 Mar: Louisiana Criminal District Court Judge MATTHEW S. BRANIFF issues a certificate to compel DULLES to testify before the grand jury 28 and 29 Mar, and certifies that the CIA was involved in KENNEDY'S assassination. U.S. Attorney DAVID G. BRESS, in Washington, D.C., returned the certificate, commenting, "We

decline to represent you in this matter".

9 Mar: Ohio Appeals Court rules Novel does not have to go to New Orleans.

11 Mar: Judge HAGGERTY denies SHAW'S subpoena for 1300 prospective jurors; a sample of 80 will be called. Hearing is recessed until 18 Mar.

15 Mar: GARRISON subpoenas Life magazine for the ZAPRUDER Film of the KENNEDY assassination for the grand jury to view 4 Apr.

18 Mar: 34 out of 40 prospective jurors say they can give SHAW a fair trial.

19 Mar: 31 out of 40 more say they can give SHAW a fair trial.

21 Mar: SHAW plans to call no more witnesses.

GARRISON asks Life to let him hold the ZAPRUDER Film for the SHAW trial.

25 Mar: GARRISON subpoenas RUTH PAINE, friend of the OSWALDS, to testify before the grand jury 18 and 19 Apr.

GARRISON'S request for BRADLEY'S extradition received by Governor REAGAN and sent to California Attorney General LYNCH.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY says he stands by the Warren Commission.

26 Mar: Judge Haggerty will rule on change of location on 29 Mar.

28 Mar: SHAW moves to re-open the hearing on change of location. Judge HAGGERTY delays his ruling to 2 Apr.

Grand jury views the ZAPRUDER Film which shows that KENNEDY was shot from the front as well as from the back.

GARRISON files theft charges against GURVICH for theft on 28 Jun 67.

29 Mar: California Attorney General LYNCH reviews GARRISON'S request for BRADLEY'S extradition.

ROBERT KENNEDY asks the Governor of Louisiana to prevent GARRISON from serving him with a subpoena when he is in New Orleans.

30 Mar: LA Municipal Court delays BRADLEY'S extradition hearing until 30 Sep 68.

GERVICH admits he has a copy of GARRISON'S master file.

GARRISON says he will not subpoena Robert Kennedy.

3 Apr: Judge HAGGERTY refuses to reopen an evidentiary hearing for SHAW.

4 Apr: Judge HAGGERTY rules SHAW can get a fair trial in NEW Orleans and denies SHAW'S motion for change of location.

12 Apr: PAINE is ordered to appear before the grand jury on 18 Apr by Dallas District judge.

18 Apr: PAINE testifies before the grand jury.

19 Apr: SHAW petitions the Louisiana Supreme Court to consider the denial of his motion for change of trial location.

23 Apr: Louisiana Supreme Court refuses to review SHAW'S denial. It states, "This court will not interfere with orderly proceedings in the trial court, in absence of a showing of irreparable injury. Relator (SHAW) has a remedy in the event of conviction."

27 Apr: BRADLEY to go before REAGAN'S extradition officer 5 Jun 68.

30 Apr: HALL meets with REAGAN'S extradition officer. HALL says he will go voluntarily to New Orleans.

2 May: HALL says that BRADLEY was at a meeting in Los Angeles Sep 63, where the possibility of murdering KENNEDY was discussed.

7 May: SHAW says he will "seek relief" in federal courts- which have no jurisdiction. SHAW has exhausted all pre-trial avenues in the state courts.

8 May: GARRISON sets 11 Jun as SHAW'S trial date.

9 May: GARRISON Subpoenas the U.S. Archivist to produce the suppressed 24 x-rays and 45 photographs of KENNEDY'S autopsy in his office 24 May.

10 May: GARRISON clears HALL of any involvement in the assassination.

13 May: STANLEY L. DRENNAN and G. CLINTON WHEAT subpoenaed as material witnesses to testify before the grand jury 29 and 30 May.

24 May: GARRISON amends subpoena to new U.S. Archivist for autopsy pictures, to be produced 31 May.

27 May: SHAW asked the federal court to issue a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction against GARRISON, to compel GARRISON to disclose his evidence against SHAW, to quash SHAW'S preliminary hearing and grand jury indictments, and to decree the Warren Report as "controlling upon all courts in the U.S.".

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28 May: Federal District Judge FREDERICK HEEBE issues a temporary restraining order against GARRISON, prohibiting further prosecution of SHAW. HEEBE states that SHAW may prevail in a federal hearing and that federal intervention is necessary.

29 May: Judge HEEBE authorizes SHAW'S attorneys to question GARRISON'S aides. Also in GARRISON Delivers a major speech at American University. As usual, there is a May: news blackout.

4 Jun: A special federal tribunal is named to hear SHAW'S suit. GARRISON instructs his aides to disobey the illegal federal court decree, ordering them to answer no questions from SHAW'S attorneys.

LANE reveals that friends of ROBERT KENNEDY had been in contact with GARRISON. They told GARRISON that RFK, who privately agreed that a conspiracy was instrumental in his brother's murder, would prosecute those responsible if elected.

10 Jun: The federal tribunal will hear SHAW'S suit 17 Jun.

11 Jun: The U.S. Marshall in Washington, D.C., declines to serve a subpoena on the U.S. Archivist for the autopsy pictures.

13 Jun: SHAW asks the federal court to call Attorney General CLARK as a defendant in his suit, and to declare certain state statutes unconstitutional. GARRISON asks dismissal of SHAW'S suit because the case is still pending in the state courts.

17 Jun: The federal tribunal opens its hearing. The Assistant DA tells the court that historically federal courts have not intervened in state prosecutions and that SHAW has adequate remedies.

26 Jun: BRADLEY has his extradition hearing. There is no indication when REAGAN will decide whether or not to extradite BRADLEY.

4 Jul: GARRISON states, "Anyone who is concerned about the human race, against the military power structure in this country, who stands between them and the project of war in Asia, is being eliminated one by one: JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY. If Senator McCARTHY continues to develop popular support, then the Central Intelligence Agency will attempt to kill him."

11 Jul: GARRISON announces that a foreign intelligence study verifies that KENNEDY was murdered by elements of the CIA.

23 Jul: The federal tribunal refuses to stop SHAW'S trial and denies SHAW'S motions.

30 Jul: The New Orleans Police Dept. releases records that show SHAW used "CLAW BERTRAND" as an alias.

1 Aug: GARRISON sets 10 Sep 68 for SHAW'S trial date. SHAW files to appeal the federal tribunal's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

7 Aug: Assistant DA Alcock asks that SHAW'S request for delay of his trial be denied.

13 Aug: The federal tribunal blocks GARRISON'S trial of SHAW until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on SHAW'S appeal. The Supreme Court will convene in the fall.

14 Aug: GARRISON Challenges the right of WARREN and FORTAS to rule on SHAW'S appeal
(to be continued)

THE ISSUE

The advent of December marks six months in the existence of the Assassination Inquiry Committee. We are growing every month, and we thank all of you for your help. Not only for financial support but for furthering our basic cause-- to keep the issue of John Kennedy's unsolved assassination alive. That's why we formed the AIC and that's why we will continue to print our Newsletters as often as we feel necessary.

From our inception in San Diego last June we have reached hundreds of people throughout the United States interested in this cause. We've received innumerable letters of praise and constructive criticism, and we're encouraged. We feel that sooner or later Jim Garrison will bring Clay Shaw to trial and, by proving the existence of an assassination conspiracy, he will expose the Warren Report as a tragic whitewash forced onto the American public to protect the CIA and maintain domestic tranquility.

Domestic tranquility may be essential for our country's progress, but when deception and fraud are used to keep the peace, then it's time for the people of this country to say "we've had enough!" If the government can't clean its own house and re-organize

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the CIA with more controls, then who can?

By speaking out this way, we don't intend to destroy the very government which gives us the right to print these words. But our government has concealed the facts surrounding the destruction of what might have been a new era for man in this world-the era of JFK. We must fight this secrecy with the tools our government has given us, to prevent this very thing from happening against the tools of free speech and a free press. If the outcome involves shaking public trust in government, then so be it. To let this issue die would be to condone further attempts by the government to make a mockery of democracy and due process of law.

We ask you to keep the issue alive. Talk about it with friends, suggest reading material to them, and give us their address for the Newsletter. Time is a great healer, and time is on the side of the federal establishment. They hope we'll cool off and go home. We must resist!

Stephen Pauley, M.D.

CLOSING NOTE

Driven by uneasiness, we near the end of our journey across five thousand words, from Brecht, through Gouldner, to Garrison, and all the while the realization that things ain't quite right in Babylon recurs. Hence the exhortations to change.

Anyway, a few reminders and announcements before we close:

- 1). The AIC is proud to announce that it has at last compiled and printed the most complete Kennedy assassination bibliography available anywhere. It's free, and requests are now being honored.
- 2). The Assassination Inquiry Workshop needs your support. Attend these weekly sessions on Tuesday nights at 8 PM in Aztec Center, Conference Room C, San Diego State College.
- 3). Back issues of the Newsletter are available in limited supply, except for number 1 which is out of print.
- 4). Blue Door Books (3823 5th Avenue, San Diego; phone 298-8601) carries the most complete assortment of relevant literature in town. Patronize the Blue Door.
- 5). The AIC Newsletter is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Chip in now, if able, assuming you haven't already done so.

Best wishes for the holidays from us all!

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